THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) To give further impetus to the industrialisation of backward areas it has been decided to reduce the level of export obligation from 50 per cent of the Output to 25 per cent for Category 'B' and 'C' Districts and to dispense with this requirement in respect of Category 'A' Districts.

Use of foreign trade mark

2063. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not enforcing the condition stipulated in the collaboration sanction by his Ministry that no foreign trade mark would be used; and

(b) what is the criteria of deciding whether a trade mark is foreign or Indian?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Government is not permitting the use of Foreign trade marks on items meant for internal sales. To enforce this condition, the standard conditions have been amended and instead of stating that foreign trade marks are not ordinarily permitted for use on the products for internal sales. The revised condition now reads:—

> "Foreign brand names will not be allowed for use on the products for internal sales although there is no objection to their use on products to be exported."

(b) The Trade and Merchandise Marks Act does not contain any definition of foreign brand names though the term is generally understood to be used in relation to trade marks owned by a foreign national or a foreign company.

Associating private sector in the modernisation of industry

2064. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposals for giving a thrust to modernisation of the industry and ensuring quality of products;

(b) if so, what are the broad outlines thereof;

(c) whether it envisages associating representatives of the private sector also to look into various aspects of modernisation of the industry; and

(d) if so, the mode of selection of private sector representatives, whether it would be Industry-wise or based on the nominations by the various Chambers of Commercial Industry in the country and whether banking sector/financial institutions would also be given proper representation in this programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) In the context of Government's thrust on encouraging modernisation of existing units, Government have decided that any increase in capacity in respect of scheduled industries arising out of modernisation/replacement/renovation upto 49 per cent of the licensed capacity may be recognised and endorsed on the industrial licence through a simplified procedure. This facility has been extended to both private and public sector companies who could avail of this facility. Association of any particular sector to look into various aspects of modernisation as stated, therefore, does not arise.